

# Recommendations for Fisheries Orders

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#### **Fisheries Orders**

- FO-210: Designated trout streams
- FO-215: Statewide regulations for select warmwater species
- FO-216: Regulations for the taking of minnows for commercial purposes
- FO-226: Hook and line restrictions during Walleye spawning runs





## Fisheries Order 210.22

- Devils Creek and Tributaries (Menominee Co.)
  - Adjust management strategy
    - Habitat is no longer suitable for trout species
    - Fish community is now dominated by warmwater species
  - Recommend removal of trout stream designation



### Fisheries Order 215.22

- Add consistency to Walleye regulations in Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River
  - Recommend removing the 13-inch minimum size limit (MSL) for Walleye in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River
  - Would result in the statewide 15-inch MSL for these connected waters



### Fisheries Order 216.22

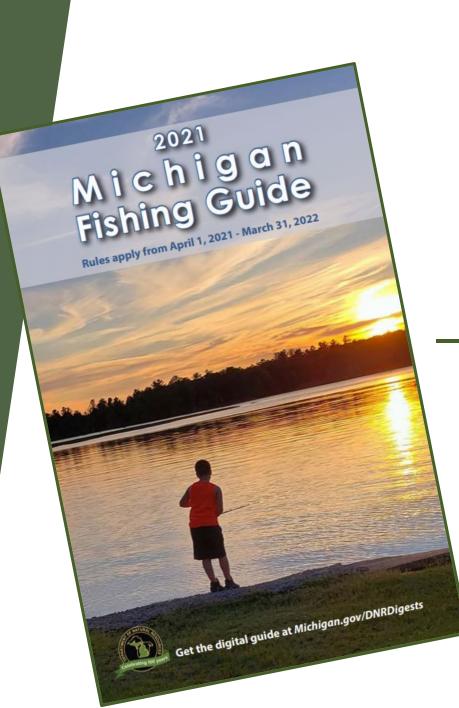
- Allow baitfish harvest from waters previously considered fish health risks
- Following detection of Koi Herpes Virus (KHV) in 2011, regulations were adopted to prevent the spread of the virus through the bait supply
  - Prohibited personal and commercial harvest on specific waters.
- Recent studies indicate KHV does not infect MI's native fish species
- Recommend removing closures for minnow harvest on the following waters;
  - Silver Lake and its tributaries (Oceana County)
  - Kent Lake including Huron River upstream to Hubell Millpond dam (Oakland & Livingston Counties.)
- Recommend for immediate effect



### Fisheries Order 226.22

- Restore previous protection for Walleye population
- Managers identified unintended consequence associated with regulatory amendment in 2021
  - Flint River regulatory upstream boundary changed from Holloway Dam to Mott Dam
  - Less protection for Walleye in the upstream reaches
- Recommend reinserting Holloway Dam as the upstream boundary for the special regulations
- Anglers support these special regulations that protect Walleye populations





### Thank You!

#### Questions?

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